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Wallops Serving as a Space Shuttle Emergency Landing Site

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, Va., has been designated as a Space Shuttle emergency landing site for missions in which the Shuttle flies along the United States' east coast following launch.

If an emergency is declared following launch and Wallops is selected as the landing site, Rt. 175 will need to be closed from Atlantic Road to the Chincoteague Bridge for a minimum of 30 minutes. NASA Wallops will work closely with local safety and public officials to minimize the impact to the community in case of an emergency.

The new designation will begin with the launch of the Space Shuttle Atlantis on the STS-98 mission, which is scheduled for launch no earlier than 6:11 p.m. Feb. 7.

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